THE TRANSFORMERS

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HIDDEN

TUNK

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BUMBLEBEE TO BASE.

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COME IN, BASE.

HMM.

SERGEANT! MOVEMENT IN QUADRANT *DELTA!*

SQUAD 4—MOVE IN.

HE'S OVER THIS RISE!

I CAN *HEAR* HIM!

CLUNK CLANK CRUNCH

WELL, I DON'T SEE NOTHIN'.

ARE YOU SURE THAT *GIZMO* OF YOURS CAN ACTUALLY FIND THESE—

SERGEANT! *LOOK!*

WHAT IS IT?

HA.

YOU WANT TO KNOW IF THOSE THINGS ARE IN THIS SECTOR?

THERE'S YOUR ANSWER.

ALL RIGHT...

...LOPEZ! KLONOWSKI! COVER THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BUILDING.

THIS FOOTPRINT'S FRESH.

HEY, DAN-O, Y'HEAR WHAT *COLLINS* WAS SAYIN' BACK AT *SAT-COM?*

NO, WHAT?

HE SAID THAT THE *CARS* ARE THE *GOOD* ROBOTS. IT'S THE *PLANES* THAT ARE BAD.

PFF! WHAT DOES *COLLINS* KNOW?

HE JUST SITS IN FRONT OF A *SCREEN* WHILE WE'RE THE ONES TAKIN' THESE MACHINES *DOWN.*

BESIDES...

...I SAW THAT BIG *CONSTRUCTION* ONE TAKE OUT THE *MANHATTAN BRIDGE.*

THAT WAS NO *PLANE.* IT WAS LIKE 60% CARS—*MORE* IF YOU INCLUDE *BULLDOZERS.*

NO, NO...

...HE SAID IT'S JUST *PRODUCTION* CARS—*STREET LEGAL* ONES.

WELL, THAT'S *WORSE* THEN, AIN'T IT?

HELL...

...AN F-15 AND AN *EXCAVATOR* YOU CAN SEE *COMING.* BUT A ROBOT DISGUISED AS A *CAR*...

...THEY CAN BE RIGHT UP ON YOU BEFORE YOU *KNOW* IT.

WELL, COLLINS SAYS—

YEAH, YEAH, "COLLINS SAYS." AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT, KID, I GOT A BRIDGE TO SELL YA...

...ONE THAT TRANSFORMS INTO A *BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW!*

HA HA HA!

OW!

SHUT UP!

B-BUMBLEBEE TO BASE.

IS—

—IS ANYONE *THERE?*

I'M IN SECTOR 24-I-G NOW.

THIS CITY IS RUINED—*DEVASTATED.*

IT LOOKS LIKE MOST PEOPLE HAVE MOVED TO SAFER LOCATIONS—ABANDONING THEIR BELONGINGS.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT ANY OF YOU ARE *LISTENING*—I'M BROADCASTING IN THE *CLEAR.*

I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW LONG I CAN KEEP A SIGNAL.

CRK

NNK—

—I'VE DAMAGED MY RIGHT FRONT PANEL—LOST SOME *POWER...*

CRK

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I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD OUTRACE THESE NEW HUMAN BATTALIONS IF I'M SPOTTED.

PLEASE—IF ANYONE HEARS ME OUT THERE, *PLEASE RESPOND.*

THE HUMANS HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED KINDLY ON ME—MAYBE I-I COULD FIND A *BASE—SURRENDER—*

—MAYBE I—OH *NO...*

...BY THE ALLSPARK, NO...

NO—HOW CAN IT COME TO THIS? H-HOW CAN THE HUMANS *DO* THIS?

WE HAVE TO STAY HIDDEN. *REPEAT*—WE *HAVE* TO STAY HIDDEN.

THESE HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT. THEY'RE—

ZZOOOOOSH

—ANGRY—

IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I—I—

—I THOUGHT IT WAS ONE OF THEM—!

IT LOOKED LIKE A-A REGULAR CAR, BUT IT CHIRPED AT ME LIKE A BIRD—

LIKE A BIRD?!

YOU MORON—

—THAT WAS THE SECURITY SYSTEM!

OUR CAR!

WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE?*

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO OUR *CAR?*

WHA—WHO ARE *YOU?*

THERE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ANYONE IN THIS SECTOR.

YEAH, I *KNOW!* NOT IN ANY OTHER SECTOR, EITHER—WE'VE BEEN DRIVING ALL *DAY,* AND WE NEED A PLACE TO REST. WE'VE GOT LITTLE *KIDS!*

AND NOW YOU'VE BLOWN UP ALL OF OUR *STUFF*—DAMN IT, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

W-WELL...

GET THE PEOPLE-MOVERS.

WE GOT A GUY LOSIN' IT HERE.

WE'RE JUST TRYING TO GET OURSELVES AND OUR FRIENDS TO—

FRIENDS? YOU GOT *OTHER* PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING?

LOOK, CIVILIAN— THIS AIN'T *SAFE.* WE GOTTA GET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS OUT TO ONE OF THE *CAMPS.* THESE CITIES ARE *EVACUATED.*

NO!

THOSE CAMPS AREN'T *SAFE!* WHERE HAVE YOU *BEEN?*

THE MACHINES CAN HIT THEM AT ANY *TIME.*

WE'RE SAFER IN THIS *BUILDING.*

WHAT THE—?

RANGE 20 M.

SIDE OF BUILDING.

>ZOOM[]

RANGE 25 M.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY COMPROMISED.

EXPLOSION DAMAGE.

HEAT EXCEEDING BUILDING MATERIAL LIMIT.

>DISENGAGE SCOPE[]

COME ON, COME *ON*...

GET THEM OUT...

LOOK, FORGET IT, MISTER. OUR RELOCATION TEAM IS ALMOST HERE.

YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE COMING WITH US.

GET YOUR KIDS, GET WHATEVER STUFF IS LEFT, AND GET YOUR PEOPLE DOWN HERE...

...WE'RE DUSTING OFF IN *FIVE MINUTES.*

YOU CAN'T MAKE US! I'VE SEEN THE PLANES THAT TURN INTO ROBOTS—THEY CAN GET YOU OUT IN THE *OPEN.*

PLEASE—AT LEAST *HERE* WE HAVE A *CHANCE!*

MY KIDS—THEY HAVE NIGHTMARES EVERY NIGHT. HELL, SO DO I...

...ABOUT THESE METAL CREATURES CHARGING IN AND—

RANGE 10 M.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY CRITICAL.

>ENGAGE SPRINT MODE[]

—AND, UH...

...OH, GOD...

TH-THIS IS *IT!*

FIRE!

FIRE!

BRTTTT

BLAM BLAM BLAM

BACKUP! BACKUP *NOW!* WE'VE GOT A *YELLOW 604* HERE IN SECTOR BG!

PYANG

PTINK

PTINK

ZANG

VIP

WE'VE—

STOP IT! *STOP* THAT THING BEFORE IT GETS TO OUR KIDS! IT—

—IT—

НППК—

WAIT— WHAT IS HE—

POUR IT ON!

WHILE HE'S STUNNED! NAIL HIM!

NO! NO, LOOK! THE BUILDING IS CRUMBLING UNDER—

SHUT UP, SIR—GET INSIDE AND LET US HANDLE THIS!

THAT ROBOT IS GOING DOWN! TAKE COVER, NOW!

BRTTTTTT

KAREN! KAREN, GET THE KIDS OUT!

VAP

ZING

ZANG

PANG

BRTTTTT

BRTTTTT

PZANG

REINFORCEMENTS ARE HERE! HIT IT! HIT IT *HARD!*

VIP

HKK— COME... ON...

I'VE GOT THE KIDS—EVERYONE ELSE IS OUT—

C'MON, KAREN, DOWN THE STAIRS—

RANGE 10 M.

>CORE AT HALF POWER[]

COME O—HKKH!

PZANG

YEAH!

HE'S DOWN! MOVE IN—FINISH HIM OFF!

HGLK—

WHERE'S THE *VITAL SPOT* ON THESE THINGS?

THE *HEAD!* THE *HEAD!*

NO, NO, PUT TWO IN THE *CHEST!*

OKAY, THEN, SAYONARA, YOU METAL SON OF A—*GHAGH!*

ZAKK

no.

YOU WILL LEAVE HIM ALONE.

...PRIME...

LOOK OUT—THE BU LDING'S FALLING!

RUN!

GET BUMBLEBEE— GET HIM!

RANGE 5 MXM.

>REROUTXE PXOWER[]

...PRIME...

...YOU FOUND ME ..

XBGT SS XWP

>GLBGTX[]

HEY...

>INITIALIZING[]

...ANYONE *IN* THERE?

RR—

RATCHET?

THERE HE IS.

WH-WHAT *HAPPENED?* WHERE—

TAKE IT EASY, SON. YOUR *HYDRAULICS* STILL AREN'T ALL CONNECTED.

YOU TOOK A BIT OF A BEATING OUT THERE.

I-I GUESS YOU GOT MY *BROADCAST*, HUH...

WITH THE WAY YOUR *RADIO* WAS BUSTED? NOT *LIKELY*.

NO, WE CAUGHT YOU ON THE *HUMANS'* CHANNEL.

T-THE HUMANS' CHANNEL..?

WE HEARD YOU AS THE "YELLOW 604" THAT THEY WERE YELLING ABOUT TO THEIR REINFORCEMENTS.

YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY, REALLY. I GOTTA ADMIT, PRIME CALLED IT.

P-PRIME?

HE SAID, "LISTEN TO THE HUMANS.

"THERE'S NO WAY BUMBLEBEE CAN STAY HIDDEN. SOONER OR LATER...

"...HE'S JUST GOING TO *HAVE* TO SAVE SOMEONE."

NOW YOU SHOULD REST, SOLDIER.

REST...

...AND RECHARGE.

END.

SO HE'S KEPT ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE?

I TOLD YOU, THIS GUY IS THE BEST.

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YEAH, OR SOMEBODY'S DAD PULLED SOME STRINGS.

LISTEN TO ME, GENTLEMEN. YOU WEREN'T HERE FOR IT. YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE AROUND HERE.

SO I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THIS BEFORE WE GET IN THERE, JUST SO YOU HEAR IT DIRECTLY FROM ME.

WHAT THAT KID DID IS THE FINEST PIECE OF SOLDIERING I'VE EVER SEEN. WHAT WE ALL OWE HIM IS BEYOND EVALUATION.

HE'S THE CLOSEST THING TO A SUPERHERO WE'VE GOT.

GENTLEMEN...

...SPIKE WITWICKY.

THE MAN OF STEEL

HEY, GUYS. I THINK THERE'S ROOM DOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE BED.

OKAY, LADIES. I THINK THERE'S SOME OLD LADY CHOKING ON HER JELL-O DOWN THE HALL.

THIS IS PETER DILLE, AND THIS IS FRANK SHIN, FROM THE U.N.

MAJOR WITWICKY.

COLONEL.

MAJOR WITWICKY. PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

YEAH, HI, GUYS. IT'S GONNA BE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE I CAN DO AUTOGRAPHS. SORRY.

MAJOR...

MAJOR, WE'RE HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

WELL, I'D HOPE SO. OTHERWISE YOU JUST SCARED OFF THE VIEW FOR NO REASON. NOT A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A FRIEND.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN?

WELL... WHY DON'T YOU START BY TELLING US HOW YOU ENDED UP IN THIS BED?

"AFTER THE NEW YORK INCIDENT, THE U.S. ARMY HAD AN ENTIRE DIVISION DEPLOYED TO THE CITY FOR OVER A YEAR.

"FOR MY PART, I GOT A MEDAL, GOT A PROMOTION, AND I GOT MY OWN UNIT.

"THEY HAD PLENTY OF PEOPLE FOR THE REBUILDING EFFORTS. ME AND MY MEN WERE GIVEN ANOTHER MISSION.

"WE WERE GONNA GO HUNT DOWN WHICHEVER OF THOSE THINGS WERE LEFT."

"YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW OFTEN WE FOUND ONE HALF-SMASHED, HIDING OUT IN ONE OF THE VACANT BUILDINGS.

"AND LAST TUESDAY HAPPENED TO BE ONE OF THOSE DAYS."

SGT, I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD CALL IN AIR SUPPORT ON THIS ONE. IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE WOUNDED. AND IT'S... IT'S REALLY FAST.

SERGEANT, THIS NEIGHBORHOOD'S NEARLY FINISHED RECONSTRUCTION. PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO START MOVING BACK IN A FEW WEEKS.

I'M NOT HAVING SOME HOT-HEAD FLYBOY STREAK IN HERE AND TURN IT BACK INTO RUBBLE.

MAKE SURE NOTHING COMES OUT OF THERE.

OH SP—

UH-OH.

GREAT JOB, GUYS. MAYBE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN IT ANOTHER FEW WEEKS.

VAP

BUT I GOT HIM.

WELL, THAT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE WORK, MAJOR. WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR BUSINESS. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH SKYWATCH?

I'VE HEARD THINGS. MOST OF THEM BAD.

WELL, THAT WAS THE OLD REGIME. SKYWATCH IS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE U.N. NOW. WE HAVE A NEW MAN IN CHARGE. TRUSTWORTHY.

AMERICAN.

GUYS, LOOK AT ME. I'M IN TRACTION FROM FIGHTING A ROBOTIC PUMA. I'M NOT A BUREAUCRAT.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR CAN NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. THE U.N. HAS CREATED A COMMITTEE TO MONITOR AND OVERSEE ALL OF THE ALIEN ACTIVITY ON THE PLANET. SKYWATCH WILL BE THE AGENCY WE RUN OUR OPERATIONS THROUGH. WE'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN.

WE KNOW. WE WANT YOU TO HEAD UP FIELD OPERATIONS.

BASICALLY, WE WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR CRUSADE GLOBAL. FIND THESE THINGS. STOP THEM. ALL THE RESOURCES OF 192 NATIONS.

ARE YOU IN?

AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A BORING MONTH.

EXCELLENT. WE'LL HAVE YOUR ROOM MOVED TO OUR FACILITY TONIGHT.

HEY, ONE LAST THING. THIS TRUSTWORTHY AMERICAN. DO I KNOW HIM?

YES. YES, YOU DO.

HE'S YOUR FATHER.

END.